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SUBJECT: SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA FOR FORMER WARTIME SERVICE AND
OVERSEAS SERVICE BARS - OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

A. AR 670-1, 1 SEP 92, WEAR AND APPEARANCE OF ARMY UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA.

1. THE CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMY, HAS AUTHORIZED THE WEAR OF THE SHOULDER
SLEEVE INSIGNIA FOR FORMER WARTIME SERVICE (SSI-FWTS) AND OVERSEAS SERVICE
BARS (OSB) FOR PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

2. THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA APPLY, AND WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT
REVISION TO AR 670-1. SOLDIERS MUST:

A. HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO UNITS THAT HAVE ACTIVELY
PARTICIPATED IN OR BEEN IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF GROUND COMBAT OPERATIONS
AGAINST HOSTILE FORCES DURING OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, IN WHICH THEY WERE
EXPOSED TO THE THREAT OF ENEMY ACTION OR FIRE, EITHER DIRECTLY OR
INDIRECTLY;

B. BE DEPLOYED IN THE CENTCOM AREA OF OPERATIONS; AND

C. BE UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE CINC, CENTCOM.

3. THE PERIOD OF AUTHORIZATION IS FROM 19 SEPTEMBER 2001 TO A
DATE TO BE DETERMINED. THERE IS NO TIME-IN-THEATER REQUIREMENT FOR WEAR OF
THE SSI-FWTS.

4. SOLDIERS DEPLOYED IN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS ON TRAINING EXERCISES OR
IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS OTHER THAN ENDURING FREEDOM ARE NOT AUTHORIZED
COMBAT-RELATED INSIGNIA. IF SOLDIERS ARE DEPLOYED ON TRAINING EXERCISES OR
OTHER OPERATIONS THAT BECOME COMBAT OR SUPPORT MISSIONS TO OPERATION
ENDURING FREEDOM, THEN PROVISIONS IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPHS APPLY.

5. THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IS PROVIDED FOR DETERMINING THE
APPROPRIATE SSI FOR WEAR AS THE SSI-FWTS.

A. A DEPLOYED UNIT THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO WEAR A SSI IN ITS
OWN RIGHT WILL WEAR THAT UNIT'S SSI AS THE SSI-FWTS. THIS IS TRUE
REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT DEPLOYS, AND REGARDLESS OF
THE NUMBER OF CHANGES TO THE UNIT'S ALIGNMENT OR OPERATIONAL CONTROL (OPCON)
DURING THE PERIOD OF DEPLOYMENT.

B. WHEN A UNIT NOT ENTITLED TO ITS OWN SSI DEPLOYS, THE
OPCON RELATIONSHIP PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT IS TERMINATED AND A NEW OPCON
RELATIONSHIP ESTABLISHED. MEMBERS OF THESE UNITS WILL WEAR THE SSI OF THE
LOWEST ECHELON DEPLOYED UNIT ENTITLED TO A SSI IN EACH OF THEIR NEW DEPLOYED
CHAINS OF COMMAND AS THEIR SSI-FWTS.

C. WHEN THERE IS NO INTERMEDIATE UNIT THAT HAS ITS OWN SSI
IN THE DEPLOYED CHAIN OF COMMAND, MEMBERS OF UNITS NOT ENTITLED TO THEIR OWN
SSI WILL WEAR THE SSI OF THE SENIOR ARMY COMMAND IN THE THEATER AS THEIR
SSI-FWTS.

D. SOLDIERS WHO ARE CROSS-LEVELED, ASSIGNED, ATTACHED, OR

AUGMENTING DEPLOYED UNITS, AND SOLDIERS WHO ARE TDY ON ORDERS (DD FORM 1610), WILL WEAR THE SAME SSI-FWTS WORN BY MEMBERS OF THE DEPLOYED UNIT TO WHICH ATTACHED OR OPCON. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO MEMBERS OF TRIAL DEFENSE AND CIDC, WHO WILL WEAR THE SSI OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMANDS AS THEIR SSI-FWTS.

E. SOLDIERS AUTHORIZED TO WEAR MORE THAN ONE SSI-FWTS MAY CHOOSE WHICH SSI-FWTS THEY WEAR. SOLDIERS ALSO MAY ELECT NOT TO WEAR THE SSI-FWTS.

6. ONE OVERSEAS SERVICE BAR IS AUTHORIZED FOR EACH 6-MONTH PERIOD OF FEDERAL SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF A U.S. SERVICE DEPLOYED IN THE AREA OF OPERATION, FROM 19 SEPTEMBER 2001 TO A DATE TO BE DETERMINED, FOR OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. THE MONTHS OF ARRIVAL TO, AND DEPARTURE FROM THE AREA OF OPERATION ARE COUNTED AS WHOLE MONTHS. SOLDIERS WHO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF A U.S. ARMED SERVICE FOR PERIODS OF LESS THAN 6 MONTHS THAT OTHERWISE MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AWARD OF OVERSEAS SERVICE BARS, MAY COMBINE PERIODS BY ADDING THE NUMBER OF MONTHS TO DETERMINE CREDITABLE SERVICE TOWARD THE TOTAL NUMBER OF OVERSEAS SERVICE BARS AUTHORIZED.

7. POC IS MSG MESSMAN, DSN 224-7950; E-MAIL (IN LOWER CASE) IS KITTIE.MESSMAN@HQDA.ARMY.MIL.

8. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY. EXPIRATION DATE CANNOT BE DETERMINED.

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